



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what an amazingly successful term we have had! The last 7 weeks have just flown by! The children have worked really hard and it is amazing to see the progress they are making. A huge thank you for all of your support. We have had so many exciting learning opportunities taking part across school during this half term. It is wonderful to watch the engagement and enthusiasm of all the children (and staff!).

It was great to see the incredible turn out for both of our Winter Performances. Thank you all for attending; the children really do enjoy seeing you there. The children performed brilliantly and with such confidence. Thank you also for your generosity with our recent cookie sale. We raised £214.00 towards school resources.

After such a busy half term, the children and staff are certainly ready for a well-deserved break! We would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and a very Happy New Year too.

Best wishes,
Miss Heather Child and all the staff at Pentland.

Attendance and Extended Leave

Overall attendance this half-term is **89.6%** well below our 95% target.
33 children achieved 100% attendance this half term; a big well done to them!

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support. We understand that at times children are unwell and cannot attend school. However, if this becomes a regular pattern, the class teacher and Head teacher will meet with parents to support and actively encourage better attendance at school. Home visits will also be carried out if necessary. Quite a high proportion of the school absence is related to extended leave. Please ensure that trips abroad are planned in the school holidays. The school must be informed if any school days will be missed and a fine could be issued. Missing school does impact on children's overall learning and progress and can have a lasting negative impact into the future. Parental support is crucial to ensure children attend school on time, every day and reach their full potential.

Reminder about PE Days

For health and safety reasons, **children should not wear earrings for PE.**

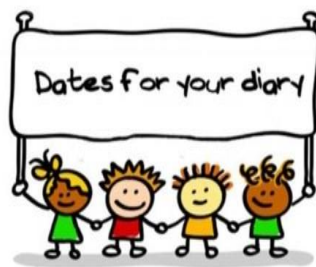
Parents should remove pupil's earrings before school.

Admissions Reminder

The Reception and Year 3 Admission Application Deadline is **15th January 2025.**

Please ensure you have submitted your request before this date.

Thank you.



Upcoming School Holiday Dates

Christmas Holiday Monday 23rd December 2024 to Monday 6th January 2025 (The last day of term is Friday 20th December 2024 and first day back to school is **Tuesday 7th January 2025**).

There is an INSET training day on Monday 6th January 2025 (children will not be in school)

February Half Term Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025

(Last day of term is Friday 14th February 2025; first day back to school is **Monday 24th February 2025**)

Easter Holidays Monday 7th April 2025 - Monday 21st April 2025

(Last day of term Friday 4th April 2025 and first day back **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**)

Upcoming Events in School

Wednesday 15th January 2025 – Key Stage One Maths Workshop for Parents

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 – EYFS Maths Workshops for Parents

Monday 3rd – 7th February 2025 – Story Tellers Week

Tuesday 11th February 2025 - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 5th March 2025 - Fair & Funky Fairtrade Conference for School Councillors

Thursday 6th March 2025 - World Book Day (plans to be set out nearer the time)

Friday 7th March 2025 – ‘Hands Across Wakefield’ Charity Event

Monday 10th – Friday 14th March 2025 – Science Week

Monday 10th March 2025 – Incredible Eggs Arrival

Wednesday 12th March 2025 – Year Two visiting Headfield (Art themed transition visit)

April 2025 - Mother’s Day Events in School (details will be sent later)

Wednesday 23rd April 2025 – Parents Evening

Wednesday 30th April 2025 – Parents Evening

Assemblies

Thursday 13th February 2025 (at 9am) – Spring 1 Term Attendance Assembly

Thursday 3rd April 2025 (at 9am) – Spring 2 Term Attendance Assembly

Important Reminder

It is parent’s responsibility to ensure children are watching age appropriate material on TV / other devices, and the same applies when playing games online. Children’s language, behaviour, emotions and much more is greatly affected when they view things that are not child friendly. Fighting, bad language and themes of an adult nature are not suitable for any child at Pentland. They have a negative impact on behaviour, attitudes and learning. Please ensure your child does not watch or play anything they shouldn’t be. Double check devices which your child uses at home to ensure they have the correct child-safety features enabled.

Have a safe and happy holiday!
We will see you all on Tuesday 7th January 2025!

